

Golden Valley

CityNews

GV's 125th Anniversary Heads For Finale

Golden Valley was incorporated as a village nearly 125 years ago on Dec 16, 1886, and the community has been celebrating all year with a series of events to commemorate the anniversary.

Led by Marshall Tanick, the grass-roots 125th anniversary planning team got things rolling in September 2010, inviting the public to share ideas and help with all aspects of the celebration. A logo design contest, won by Bill Collins and Oriana Freeman, produced artwork to brand the events. Blair Tremere led the effort to develop a time capsule filled with contemporary Golden Valley artifacts to be opened in 2036, during the City's 150th anniversary.

Since March, the committee worked with community groups to host a variety of events and programs, including "The History of General Mills in Golden Valley," "Diversity in Golden Valley," "Golden Valley Remembers" Military Service Display, "Native American History in Golden Valley," a Golden Valley History Tour on a 1950s bus, an ice cream social featuring a concert by the First John Philip Sousa Memorial Band, and a luncheon honoring 75-year residents of Golden Valley (see page 7). To see a historical display, stop by City Hall through the end of 2011.

More events are scheduled (see sidebar), including a Golden Valley Hall of Fame induction and a grand finale 125th Anniversary Commemorative Luncheon Dec 2 at the Golden Valley Country Club.

Besides celebrating Golden Valley's history, the citizens on the 125th anniversary committee wanted to boost civic pride and community engagement. You can still help out. Contact Volunteer Coordinator Sandy Werts at swerts@goldenvalleymn.gov or 763-512-2341. You can also check the City website for upcoming meetings and opportunities to participate.



UPCOMING 125th Events

Oct 1: Valley Volunteer Day (see page 3) and Lilac Planting Party (see page 4)

Oct 7: Deadline for Golden Valley Hall of Fame Nominations (see page 3)

Oct 15: Golden Valley Library 40th Anniversary. 10 am - 4 pm. Open house and refreshments; program at 1 pm.

Oct 19: Deadline for 5th and 6th Grade Historical Essay Contest. Winning essays will be published on the City website. \$50 first prize, \$25 second prize.

Dec 2: 125th Anniversary Commemorative Luncheon

GV 125th Commemorative Luncheon

Friday, December 2, 2011

11:30 am

Golden Valley Golf & Country Club

Lunch • Cash Bar • Program

\$20

RSVP to 952-567-2574 by Nov 28.

Space is limited.

Hosted by the Golden Valley Rotary

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State Changes Market Value Homestead Credit

Market Value Exclusion = Higher Tax Rate

Minnesota's new Homestead Market Value Exclusion (HMVE) means residential property in Golden Valley will have a lower taxable market value, which will increase the City's tax rate, which in turn will increase property taxes. How does that work?

To calculate the City portion of residential property tax for a given year, several factors are considered.

First is **market value**, an assessor's estimate of what property would be worth if it were sold. Second is **class rate**, the percent of market value set by state law that establishes the property's **tax capacity**, which is the amount subject to property tax. The City's **tax rate** is determined by dividing its total tax capacity into its **tax levy**, or the amount of taxes the City needs to collect to cover its annual budget. The **tax rate** is then used to determine the City **property tax**.

The HMVE lowered the City's total tax capacity by \$1.062 million from 2011 to 2012 (see table below), which increased the City's tax rate. When this higher tax rate is applied to a reduced tax capacity, it results in an increased City property tax. The story at the right includes an example using a 2012 median valued home. 

In a move to address a \$5 billion shortfall and balance the state budget, the 2011 Minnesota Legislature changed a statute that will lower Golden Valley's total tax base, which in turn will increase the City's tax rate. A lower tax base means every property owner in the city will feel the effects of higher property taxes.

The Legislature repealed the residential Market Value Homestead Credit (MVHC) and enacted a Homestead Market Value Exclusion (HMVE), effective for taxes payable in 2012. Higher value homes and commercial properties will see the biggest property tax increases.

Old Way (MVHC)

The old MVHC gave a credit from property taxes for homes valued up to \$413,800 (if the property was claimed as a primary residence). The full credit of \$304 was given to homes valued at \$76,000 or less. As values approached \$413,800, the homestead credit declined to \$0.

But while the state gave a tax credit to each qualifying homesteaded property, because of budget shortfalls, it hadn't fully reimbursed the City for the loss of those taxes since 2008. In 2011, Golden Valley lost \$369,000.

For example, the value of a median home in Golden Valley decreased from \$250,000 in 2011 to \$245,000 in 2012. The MVHC on such a home was \$59 in 2011. In 2012 it would have been \$61. Under the MVHC system, the homeowner paid that much less in City property taxes, but the state never reimbursed the City for that amount. That same home would have paid an estimated \$1,276 in City taxes in 2012.

New Way (HMVE)

The new HMVE will exclude a portion of homestead market value from taxation. For example, the median home valued at \$245,000 for 2012 will have \$15,190 excluded from its market value, bringing its taxable market value to \$229,810. Lowering the taxable market value of property in a community lowers the City's total tax capacity, which increases the City's tax rate (see sidebar). That means the median home in this example will pay an estimated \$1,302 in City taxes in 2012.

To lessen the impact to taxpayers, the Golden Valley City Council directed staff to lower the 2012 tax levy by \$251,099. This is for the City portion only of the total property tax bill, meaning the median home in the example will now pay an estimated \$1,281 in City taxes in 2012. Keep in mind counties, school districts, and special districts also have to deal with the effects of HMVE.

Both the MVHC and the new HMVE are complex. If you have questions about how it will affect your City property tax, contact City Finance Director Sue Virnig at 763-593-8010. 

Upcoming Budget Meetings

Oct 11, 6:30 pm

Council/Manager meeting

Nov 9, 6:30 pm

Council/Manager meeting

Dec 6, 7 pm

Public hearing on adoption of the final levy

Proposed Property Tax Statements are sent between Nov 10 and 24.

Golden Valley's Tax Capacity

Property Type	2011 MVHC	2012 MVHC	2012 HMVE
Commercial	\$ 11,125,995	\$ 10,897,425	\$ 10,897,425
Industrial	\$ 5,176,056	\$ 5,189,486	\$ 5,189,486
Personal Property	\$ 311,502	\$ 320,766	\$ 320,766
Apartments	\$ 1,209,812	\$ 1,204,702	\$ 1,204,702
Residential	\$ 20,859,355	\$ 20,263,254	\$ 19,200,618
Total	\$ 38,682,720	\$ 37,875,633	\$ 36,812,997

Celebrate 125 Years With Community Service

In honor of Golden Valley's 125th Anniversary, the Envision Connection Project Bridge Builders invite you to join your neighbors Saturday, Oct 1 for a variety of activities to help beautify Golden Valley, promote healthy living, and share community pride. There will be activities and fun for all ages.



Valley Volunteer Day

Saturday, October 1, 9 am–3 pm

Various locations in Golden Valley – Various activities (see below)

Lilac Planting

9 am–2 pm

See page 4 for details.

Chalk Drawing Contest:

"What I Love In Golden Valley"

10 am–noon

Golden Valley Library Parking Lot

We'll have the chalk; you bring the ideas! Show your Golden Valley pride by wearing a Golden Valley team T-shirt if you have one. Prizes given in each of the following age groups: 4–7, 8–12, 13–17, 18–125.

Befriending Birds

1–3 pm

Meet at Brookview Community Center

Volunteers have been creating new habitats for chimney swifts in our city, and more are planned. Learn about this declining bird population and what's needed for its preservation, then tour a chimney location.

Busting Buckthorn*

1–3 pm

Brookview Park (corner of Winnetka Ave & Western Ave)

Buckthorn is an invasive plant that has taken hold in parts of the city. Help preserve our natural landscape by getting it out of Brookview Park and learning how to deal with it in your own yard.

Tackling Trash*

1–3 pm

Edge of Laurel Ave Ponds (meet at Lions Park by Western Ave and Louisiana Ave N)

Pick up litter before it finds its way into the scenic ponds that are home to geese, ducks, and other wildlife.

**For Busting Buckthorn and Tackling Trash, wear work gloves, hard-soled shoes, and appropriate outdoor attire. Register in advance to receive a special Valley Volunteer Day T-shirt.*

Questions?

Contact Jennifer Mathwig at 612-850-8928 or valleyvolunteerday@gmail.com.

To Register

Send an email to valleyvolunteerday@gmail.com with the following information:

- Name or Contact Name (if registering a family or group)
- Address
- Day and Evening Phone
- Email
- Indicate the activity
- Provide participant name(s) for each different activity
- For Chalk Contest, specify age group
- For Busting Buckthorn or Tackling Trash, specify T-shirt size (S, M, L, XL)



Golden Valley Hall of Fame Seeks Inductees

Golden Valley's 125th Anniversary Hall of Fame is intended to honor those who have been affiliated with Golden Valley and have become renown. It will recognize a broad, diverse, and inclusive spectrum of contributions.

The initial induction of selected nominees will take place Dec 2, 2011, at the 125th Anniversary Commemorative luncheon (see page 1). Future inductions will take place periodically afterward.

Nomination deadline is Oct 7, 2011.

To nominate an individual or a group, pick up a nomination form at City Hall or Brookview Community Center, or complete the online nomination form at www.goldenvalleymn.gov/events/125/schedule/.

City To Host Human Rights Forum

The Golden Valley City Council wants to know what the community expects from its Human Rights Commission, an appointed group of citizens who advise, recommend, and assist the Council in matters of equal opportunity and elimination of unfair discriminatory practices.

To gather information, the Council will host a community forum in spring 2012 to discuss human rights in Golden Valley. Watch future editions of *CityNews* for details.

Golden Valley has one of the oldest Human Rights Commissions in Minnesota, and in the past few years membership has waned. By learning how the community views the state of human rights in Golden Valley, the Council hopes to help the Human Rights Commission identify direction and establish goals.

Lilac Planting Party

Saturday, Oct 1

8:30–9 am: Registration

9 am–1 pm: Planting

1–2 pm: Celebration Lunch

Come on your own or gather a group from your neighborhood, church, business, or club for lilac planting. This grass-roots community beautification project is a collaboration between Bridge Builders, the City of Golden Valley, and the Minnesota Department of Transportation's Community Roadside Landscaping Partnership Program.

Register with Sandy Werts by Sept 26 at 763-512-2341 or swerts@goldenvalleymn.gov.

GV Dog Park A Possibility

Discussions are ongoing, but a Golden Valley dog park could become reality in the not-too-distant future.

The City Council has fielded requests for a community dog park for years, and under the leadership of Annie Gillette Cleveland, the project became a Bridge Builder activity. The Envision Connection Project has been working with individuals and groups to make it happen.

Theodore Wirth Park was identified as a possible location, and when Minneapolis recently embarked on planning improvements to Wirth Park, Golden Valley appointed a resident to sit on the Citizen Advisory Committee. The dog park was added to the wish list, and a site was identified adjacent to a vacant parcel owned by the Animal Humane Society. Both parcels combined would make a sizeable dog park. Stay tuned to *CityNews* for details.

Fall Leaf Drop-Off Dates Set For Oct and Nov

With trees starting to show a hint of fall, it's natural that people begin thinking about the upcoming raking season. Golden Valley's *Fall Leaf Drop-Off* provides residents a place to dispose of their leaves at no charge during late fall weekends (see box).

As in previous years, the drop-off site will be at Brookview Park, south of Hwy 55 at Winnetka Ave. During drop-off days, Brookview Parkway becomes a one-way road. All traffic must enter the site from Winnetka Ave S and exit on Western Ave. City personnel will direct vehicles to drop-off points, where other personnel will help residents unload or de-bag leaves.

Guidelines

- Participants must provide proof of Golden Valley residency (Minnesota driver's license, ID, or proof of identity and address).
- Residents must untie leaf bags, help de-bag their leaves at the site, and take the bags home for reuse or disposal. No brush will be accepted.

For fast unloading and to conserve your bags, leave them untied. A parking area will be provided for residents to untie their bags before getting in line.

- Residents hauling loose leaves must help unload their leaves at the site. (Tip: If you're hauling loose leaves, line the trailer or truck bed with a tarp before loading the leaves. To unload, help the workers lift the corners of the tarp and dump the leaves into the drop-off area.)

If you miss the *Leaf Drop-Off*, contact your garbage hauler for its policies and rates or check the *Yellow Pages* or online for names of commercial yard waste processing sites. The Maple Grove Yard Waste Site (14796 101st Ave N) accepts leaves and brush up to 10 inches in diameter for \$7.50/cubic yard April through November. Grass is accepted for \$14/cubic yard June through September. Open Monday through Saturday, 8 am to 7 pm, and Sunday, noon to 7 pm. Site closes November 30 and re-opens April 1 each year. For more information, contact the Yard Waste Site directly at 763-420-8971 or visit www.mgyardwaste.com.

If you have questions about yard waste, call Public Works at 763-593-8030.

LEAF DROP-OFF

Sat, Oct 29

7 am–1 pm

Fri, Nov 4

8 am–4 pm

Sat, Nov 5

7 am–1 pm

Sat, Nov 12

8 am–1 pm

@ Brookview Park

(south of Hwy 55 at Winnetka Ave)



Golden Valley Recycles

The Golden Valley Recycling Program is partially funded by the Hennepin County Board of Commissioners.

Holiday Schedule

Holiday Week	Pick-Up Date
Thanksgiving	Sat, Nov 26
Christmas	Fri, Dec 23
New Year's	Fri, Dec 30
Memorial Day '12	Sat, June 2
July 4 '12	Sat, July 7
Labor Day '12	Sat, Sept 8

Missed Pick Ups

If your recycling is missed on Friday, call Waste Management at 952-890-1100 before noon on the following Monday.

If you have specific recycling questions, call 763-593-8030.

Mighty Tidy Day Offers New Disposal Options

For the past seven years, Golden Valley's annual *Mighty Tidy Clean-Up Day* has provided a cost-friendly, environmentally smart way to get rid of unwanted and unusable household items. This year's event will feature two new options—a free service for shredding paper and a collection for reusable furniture and household items (see sidebar for details).

MIGHTY TIDY DAY

Saturday, Oct 15

8 am–1 pm

@ Brookview Park

(south of Hwy 55 at Winnetka Ave)

Mighty Tidy Day is Saturday, Oct 15, 8 am to 1 pm, at Brookview Park. Residents can dispose of mattresses, sofas, broken bicycles, tires, old appliances, computers, and televisions (see box below for list of items and fees). Textiles such as clothes, footwear, purses, and belts are accepted at no charge. Items must be dry and somewhat clean. Paper can also be shredded at no charge.

Why Participate?

The Minnesota Office of Environmental Assistance reports that by 2020, the Twin Cities Metro area is projected to produce six million tons of waste, nearly twice the amount generated in 2000. Much of the discarded materials contain toxins that threaten public health and the environment. And although Minnesota has a high rate of recycling, every little bit helps. During the 2010 *Mighty Tidy Clean-Up Day*, the City collected 13.9 tons of bulk waste, 0.8 tons of metal, 77 appliances, 11,500 lbs of electronics, about 1,000 lbs of batteries, 29 tires, and 169 fluorescent bulbs.

How To Participate

Mighty Tidy Clean-Up Day is open only to Golden Valley residents. Proof of residency will be required at the entrance.

Enter Brookview Parkway from the north along Winnetka Ave (no entrance will be allowed from Western Ave). Workers will collect the appropriate fee by cash or check (see list below) and direct you to one of three lots. No hazardous waste (motor oil, asbestos, cleaning solvents, pool chemicals, etc) is accepted.

For more information on *Mighty Tidy Day*, call Golden Valley Public Works at 763-593-8030.

8th ANNUAL EVENT
Cost-friendly and eco-smart!

New This Year: Shred & Donate

This year the City offers two new recycling options at *Mighty Tidy Day*—paper shredding and a furniture and household goods donation station.

PAPER SHREDDING

One of the best ways to combat identity theft (see article on page 10) is through the safe and secure destruction of personal documents. Bring papers loose in a paper bag (boxes will be returned to you). Staples and paper clips are ok. No binders or plastic material (computer disks, CDs, etc) will be accepted. Available for residents only and not businesses or other commercial enterprises.

FURNITURE/HOUSEHOLD GOODS DONATION

Bring gently used furniture and household items for donation to Bridging, a non-profit organization that provides people transitioning out of homelessness and poverty with a one-time gift of quality goods to stabilize and improve lives while effectively using community resources.

Bridging needs bedroom, living room, and dining room furniture and household goods such as kitchenware, linens, bedding, lamps, small appliances, etc.

Bridging reserves the right to refuse donations and is unable to accept office furniture, clothing, large appliances, computers, audio equipment, sporting goods, infant/child items & toys, lawn/patio furniture & equipment, musical instruments, or holiday items.

A detailed list of needed items is available at www.bridging.org/documents/Donate-Furniture-ChangeLives.pdf. Donations are tax-deductible at the fair market value of each item.

MIGHTY TIDY DAY DISPOSAL COSTS

Bridging Lot

FREE Collection

Donate gently used living room, dining room, and bedroom furniture and household goods such as kitchenware, bedding and linens, lamps, small appliances, etc (see sidebar).

Lot 1

ELECTRONICS

Printer, VCR/DVD... \$ 3
Laser printer \$ 5
Monitor/Plastic TV .. \$15
Computer system (monitor, CPU, keyboard) \$15
Wood TV \$25
Fees for all other electronics will be \$3-\$25 based on size.

TIRES/BATTERIES/

Bulbs
Car tire \$ 5
Truck tire \$ 7
Tire rims \$ 2
Batteries \$ 3
Bulbs \$ 2

TEXTILES .. no charge

Lot 2

SCRAP METAL

Clean metal no charge
Other (bikes, etc) ... \$ 5

APPLIANCES

Non-refrigeration \$20
Freon units \$24

Lot 3

Bulk Items

Mattress/Box Spring (any size)..... \$15
Couch \$20
Hide-A-Bed \$25
Chair (small) \$ 5
Chair (large) \$10

MISC ITEMS \$18/yard

PAPER SHREDDING..no charge

Recreation Opportunities

Find details on the following recreation opportunities in the Fall Recreation Activities Brochure or the City website (www.goldenvalleymn.gov).

Youth Activities

Preschool Playtime—Fridays, 10–11:30 am, \$3 per child.

Science Explorers—"Fall Into Science," Mondays, Oct 10–24, 1:15–2:30 pm, \$39.

Kids' Club (ages 3–5)—Starts Oct 27 & 31. Mon and Wed or Tues and Thurs, 9:30–11 am. Brookview Community Center, \$44.

Monster Mash Teen Dance (grades 5–7)—Fri, Oct 28, 7–9:30 pm. \$5 before Oct 27, \$8 at the door.

Basketball Winter Warm-Up (grades 2–3)—Tues, Nov 2–Dec 14, 6–7:30 pm, \$42.

Supper with Santa (ages 2 & up, with adult)—Fri, Dec 2, 6–7:30 pm, \$10/kid, \$5/adult dinner.

Adult Activities

Daytime Yoga—Tues, Oct 3–Nov 28, 11 am–noon, \$56.

Botanical Art—Thurs, Oct 6 & 13, 1–2:30 pm, \$40.

Tae Kwon Do—Tues, Oct 25–Dec 6, 6:15–7 pm, \$59.

Yoga Flow—Tues or Thurs, Nov 1–Dec 22, 5:30–6:40 pm, \$70.

Register in person, by mail, phone, fax (763-512-2344), or online (www.goldenvalleymn.gov/recreation).

For more information, contact:

Park & Recreation

Brookview Community Center

200 Brookview Parkway

Golden Valley, MN 55426

763-512-2345

Monday–Friday, 8 am–4:30 pm

Long-Time Residents



Ed JORDAN, 97 YEARS

In 1914, in a barn just north of downtown Golden Valley, Ed Jordan was born.

"There was no hospital or doctor," he says. "Born here. Right here."

Ninety-seven years later, Jordan lives just a few blocks from that old dairy farm where his family sold raw milk to get by.

"I was raised on raw milk and cheeses," he says. "My first job was caddying for 10 cents an hour at the Golden Valley Golf Course." He refers to the golf course seen right outside the window of his Calvary

Center Cooperative apartment. He was 10 years old at the time, the same age as the golf course.

Jordan was one of nine 75-year-residents (see box) honored by the Golden Valley Historical Society at a special luncheon Sept 7 as part of the City's 125th anniversary. With them and the residents who moved here shortly after, the City has a wealth of living time capsules, each with their own memories of Golden Valley's formative years.

Jordan says his mother rode to and from Minneapolis with a horse and buggy until the 1920s, when the family purchased a Ford Model T. He drove it for the first time at about age 11. "I felt like quite a big shot," he remembers. "It was a really big deal. The roads were dirt. Not gravel. Dirt." And for fun, Jordan and his friends would make rafts from Medicine Lake flotsam and spend the day floating down Bassett Creek. When the Great Depression hit, it didn't affect his family much, he adds. There wasn't a lot of money to lose. It was a one-horse farm and a relatively quiet life.

"It was cornfields and mud and lots of trees."

Aside from his service in World War II and a stint working on the Alaskan Highway, Jordan has stayed close to Golden Valley, where he met his wife of 66 years at a gas station. How Golden Valley has changed from dirt roads and farms to what it is today is beyond comparison, he says.

Over time, the city, or "the village" as Jordan still refers to it, would grow in population but remain rustic for decades.

"It was cornfields and mud and lots of trees," says Iona Schuller, who moved to Golden Valley in 1946. Her husband's family owned the original Schuller's Tavern. "There wasn't a shopping center as there is now. We had to do all our shopping in downtown Minneapolis."



Brookview Community Center: Right For Your Event

Brookview Community Center is an ideal place to host an event for your family or business without outspending your budget.

Nestled in the tranquil setting off Brookview Golf Course, Brookview Community Center offers space year-round for gatherings of up to 200 guests. Facilities include a large banquet room with neutral decor, a caterer's kitchen, and a patio, deck, and

Remember The Village

The nature of the village changed dramatically with the construction of the highways and installation of a sewer system, says Don Minor, who came to Golden Valley 63 years ago.

"I built my home here and had to make my own road and gravel it," he says. The home, where he and his wife, Edith, raised three children, and where they still live today, is just a few blocks from Hwy 169, which was known as County Rd 18 before reconstruction. "It was just a narrow blacktop road. You could walk right across it almost whenever you wanted," he says. "If the weather was bad, if there was a lot of snow, we would just park our car on the side of that road and walk home."

"There was one policeman," he adds. "It was a sleepy place at the time."

Jordan, Schuller, and Minor are three of many residents who have lived here for over six decades and, changes and all, still share a great fondness for Golden Valley.

"The village," Jordan says. "I never did learn to call it a city."



DON AND EDITH MINOR IN FRONT OF THE HOUSE THEY BUILT IN GOLDEN VALLEY 63 YEARS AGO AND HAVE LIVED IN EVER SINCE. TODAY IT'S SURROUNDED BY OTHER HOMES AND TREES. IN 1948, IT WAS IN A WIDE-OPEN FIELD.

75-Year Residents

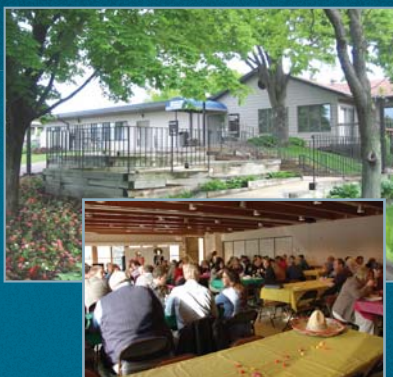
As part of the City's 125th anniversary celebration, the Golden Valley Historical Society honored 75-year residents at a special luncheon Sept 7:

- Laurie Edling
- Thomas Hart
- Arlene Jensen
- Ed Jordan
- Donna Kuiper
- Reuben Prodahl
- Theresa Raymond
- Kathyleen Reiser
- Roberta Gwen Johnson (not pictured)



gazebo that provide expansive golf course views.

If you're in the market for a pleasant, cost-effective venue for a party or group event, look no further than Brookview Community Center. For information on prices, visit goldenvalleymn.gov.



Senior Stuff

Unless noted otherwise, most activities are at Brookview Community Center and require advance registration with the Seniors Program office (see below).

It's A Golden Day In Golden Valley

Mon, Oct 17, 1–3 pm. Help celebrate 50 years of quality programming that put the Golden Valley Senior Program in the national spotlight. Share the memories, sing-a-long with the Golden Tones, and enjoy the music of The Banjo Boys while eating pie and ice cream. There may even be a couple of surprises! \$5 includes entertainment and refreshments. Register by Oct 12.

MEDICARE ADVANTAGE & PART D

Wed, Oct 19, 10–11:30 am. Hear a free, unbiased educational presentation on what is a Medicare Advantage plan, how it works, comparison of plans, and their advantages and disadvantages. Part D topics include the Part D benefit, a comparison of prescription coverage, and obtaining information about the plans available to you. Presented by Senior Community Services, a non-profit agency.

Tai Chi FOR HEALTH & ARTHRITIS

Tues, Oct 25–Dec 20 (no meeting Nov 8), 8:45 am: Basic/Beginners, 9:45 am: Moving On (must have taken at least one session). \$42/resident, \$47/non-resident.

Coffee Talk

Oct 26: "125 Years of Law in Golden Valley" covers landmark cases from A (alimony) to Z (zoning). Presented by Marshall Tanick, in conjunction with the 125th Anniversary of Golden Valley.



PAINT CLASS ART SHOW

Nov 1–27. Stop by the Golden Valley Library and view the beautiful work created by the paint class students.

Golden Valley Seniors Program
Brookview Community Center
 200 Brookview Parkway
 Golden Valley, MN 55426
 763-512-2339
 8 am–5 pm, Monday–Friday



Revisiting Envision Golden Valley

As Golden Valley heads into its 125th year, CityNews reports on progress made toward the goals of Envision Golden Valley, the community visioning process that began in 1997 and continues today. Over the years, thousands of people have participated, sharing their ideas and hopes for Golden Valley's future in six overlapping categories: Development, Transportation, Environment, Recreation, Community Engagement, and Government. Throughout 2011, CityNews will revisit one category in each issue, continuing with Community Engagement.

Community Engagement

OUR VISION FOR THE FUTURE: Golden Valley is a diverse, spirited community where people work together to make it even more lively, beautiful and welcoming.

A sense of safety, good architecture, and beautiful homes, parks, and natural spaces set the stage for great living, but it's what people do in these spaces that leads to the quality of life we have come to enjoy and expect.

A community can go only so far without residents who give their time and talents toward making it better for everyone. Golden Valley has a rich history of citizen involvement, with people banding together to share interests, promote causes, or improve the community, and the City is always looking for ways to connect these folks and support their efforts.

Supporting Themes & Ideas

- ◆ We encourage involvement and inclusiveness within neighborhoods, among cultures, and across generations.
- ◆ Our strong community identity is effectively communicated formally—and informally—through innovative citizen involvement.
- ◆ We have engaging spaces and events that bring people together year-round.
- ◆ Our network of volunteers identifies and responds to a wide range of needs.

Upcoming and ongoing projects indeed reflect Envision's themes and ideas, including:

- ◆ the Golden Valley Community Foundation, a non-profit organization created by citizens with the goal of providing financial support for a variety of community endeavors (see page 9)
- ◆ communications efforts that engage the entire community, such as CommonPlace, a new online social networking venue that provides an outlet for local events and happenings
- ◆ events such as Valley Volunteer Day (see page 3), developed by citizens and supported by the City to promote volunteer activities in Golden Valley
- ◆ the City's new part-time volunteer coordinator, hired in 2010 to foster volunteer initiatives and serve as a liaison to grassroots community groups



Envision Connection Project & Bridge Builders

One result of Envision Golden Valley's citizen input is the Envision Connection Project, created by the City Council to help residents, businesses, and institutions come together to make their visions for the community a reality. This advisory board oversees community engagement efforts in the city and encourages Bridge Builder initiatives.

In 2009 the Connection Project developed the VISI Award, which is presented to citizens who inspire others to improve the community. So far awards have been presented to the citizens who initiated Valley Days, the Kelly Drive Pumpkin Festival, the Lilac Project, and the Human Rights Essay Contest.

Golden Valley Bridge Builders help residents develop ideas for community activities or sharing similar interests. Anyone can attend Bridge Builders meetings to offer ideas, join current projects, or just meet new people also looking to make a difference in their community. To learn more, visit www.goldenvalleymn.gov and search "Bridge Builders" or call Volunteer Coordinator Sandy Werts at 763-512-2341.



The Lilac Project, a Bridge Builder Initiative, is in its fourth year.

Volunteer Projects & Community Events

From the first 4-H clubs in the late 1920s to today's Bridge Builders, civic organizations have been instrumental in planning and implementing Golden Valley festivals, gatherings, and community improvement projects.

Since Envision, citizen groups have worked with the City to initiate activities like the annual Ice Cream Social, Lilac Project, and Neighbors Helping Neighbors. Another group started the Valley Days Art & Music Festival, while others fostered projects like meal packing, a community garden, after-school tutoring, buck-thorn busting, a garden club, a neighborhood jazz night, and more. This summer, two citizens worked with Bridge Builders to develop "Market In The Valley," the community's first farmers' market. And throughout 2011, the grass-roots 125th anniversary planning team has planned and presented a variety of events to honor Golden Valley's 125 anniversary (see page 1).

Citizens also engage during City-sponsored events like the Police and Fire Department Open House, Minnesota Night to Unite, the Fire Relief Association Street Dance, Run The Valley, the Golden Valley Golf Classic, and Taste of Golden Valley.



The Garden Club planted these medians on Winnetka Ave.

Community Identity

A healthy dialogue between a City and its citizens goes a long way toward sustaining community engagement and strengthening community identity. The City uses several communications tools to accomplish these goals by keeping residents up-to-date on services and promoting events.

Along with a bi-monthly City newsletter and regular cable TV programming, the most comprehensive source of up-to-date City information is just a click away at www.goldenvalleymn.gov. It features news stories, a calendar of City events, and an email subscription service offering updates on dozens of topics.



The City website is the most comprehensive source for up-to-date information from the City.

A group of citizens is working to develop an online community information and networking hub through CommonPlace. Watch for details in the November/December CityNews or at www.goldenvalleymn.gov/community.

Community Foundation

Raising money for community projects can be challenging, so a group of citizens has worked to consolidate the multiple fundraising needs of three local groups:

- Golden Valley Community Events Fund, an independent 501c(3) that sponsors the annual Valley Days Art & Music festival
- Golden Valley Human Services Foundation, a City board that sponsors events (Run The Valley, Taste of Golden Valley, Golden Valley Golf Classic) to support local non-profits
- Envision Connection Project (see box above left)

The resulting Golden Valley Community Foundation (GVCF) was registered May 2011 as a 501c(3). The organization is developing information materials and a website and plans to introduce itself to the community this fall.

For more information about the GVCF, contact Dean Penk at vochio@yahoo.com.



The Community Foundation will take over fundraising efforts for events like Valley Days.



Pajama Party Supports Domestic Violence Awareness

For the second consecutive year, the Golden Valley Federated Women's Club (GVFWC) will kick off a "pajama party" October 1, 2011 to support the General Federated Women's Club of Minnesota's Domestic Violence Awareness project.

The GVFWC will collect pajamas for the Home Free Shelter, a local organization that supports women and children who are fleeing from domestic abuse. In 2010, the shelter housed 500 women and children from Golden Valley and surrounding areas.

The shelter would prefer lighter weight pajamas from infant size to 5T for both boys and girls. Any size of pajamas for women would be greatly appreciated.

To help the GVFWC with this effort, please drop off new pajamas at the collection boxes in the Brookview Community Center lobby (200 Brookview Parkway) and the Golden Valley Library (830 Winnetka Ave N) throughout October 2011.

The GVFWC plans to accept pajama donations through spring 2012 at other locations. Contact Dorree Adelman at 763-231-2973 for more information about this or other GVFWC programs.

Drop off new pajamas at Brookview Community Center or the Golden Valley Library in October.

Identity Theft Is An Ever-Present Menace

At best, identity theft will create hundreds of hours of work for you as you try to undo the damage and fix your credit record. At worst, it can haunt you for the rest of your life. If an identity thief isn't caught, there's nothing stopping him or her from using your social security information over and over again, says Joanne Paul, City of Golden Valley crime analyst.

In other words, once you let your information slip away, it may be out there for good. So, Paul says, do everything you can to keep your information from getting into the wrong hands.

PROTECT YOURSELF

Start by shredding every document that contains personal information before putting it into the trash (see page 5 for details about Mighty Tidy Day's new free shredding service).

Keep credit cards you don't regularly use in a secure place. Don't leave your social security number in your wallet. And keep an eye on all your accounts by checking them several times a month, looking for anything suspicious.

"Limit access people have to your information," Paul says. "When someone asks for vital information, like social security numbers, make sure they have a legitimate reason to need it."

CLEANING UP IDENTITY THEFT

In Golden Valley, while it's still rare, identity theft has been on the rise for years, and nationwide it's the fastest growing crime, Paul says. If you become a victim of identity theft, expect to spend approximately 400 hours of your time to clean it up, with the first step being to file a police report.

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"Usually people don't find out about identity theft fast enough," Paul says. "The quicker you find out something is wrong, the less work it will be to fix it. The first step is to call the police, and we have resources to help you from there, such as numbers for credit reporting agencies."

After calling the police, you'll want to file a complaint with the Federal Trade Commission and close the accounts that you know or believe have been tampered with.

EVERYONE'S A TARGET

Unfortunately, the elderly are primary targets of identity thieves, Paul says. But anyone can be targeted. Play it safe by limiting exposure to your personal information at all times, because you never know when or where it could be nabbed.

If you'd like to receive copies of privacy protection guidelines, contact Paul at 763-593-8058 or jpaul@goldenvalleymn.gov.



CPR And First Aid Training Will Save Lives

Do you know what to do if a friend or family member complains of symptoms of a heart attack or suffers cardiac arrest?

As our lives become increasingly busy, it may be harder to find time for safety education classes like CPR and first aid, and such training is often dropped from the priority list. While it may be comforting to think you can go your entire life avoiding emergency situations, or relying on someone else to step up when the time comes to resuscitate a victim, don't count on it.

"Taking even a short amount of time to learn CPR and first aid is extremely important," says Stephen Baker, Golden Valley's fire education specialist. "It's going to make a difference in somebody else's life."

Police officers and firefighters work as a team with the paramedics when confronted with a citizen who suffers a sudden cardiac arrest or other emergency. "Everybody is a part of that team," Baker explains. "As a paramedic and firefighter, I'm asking people for their help, to please take the time to learn."

There have been many cases, he says, where someone has suffered a heart attack in Golden Valley and was saved because someone else knew to call 911 and then administer CPR.

The key is understanding "The Chain of Survival," a four-step intervention process which, if followed quickly and efficiently, can help save the lives of victims of sudden cardiac arrest, when every second counts (see box). The steps are similar for any severe injury, though the form of first aid varies based on the affliction.

For training and class options, check with a local community education office or community college. ~



CHAIN of SURVIVAL

- + Step 1: Call 911
- + Step 2: Early CPR
- + Step 3: Early defibrillation
- + Step 4: Early advanced care

Fire Dept Keeps Skills Sharp

The mission of the Golden Valley Fire Department (GVFD) is to provide the community with the best in emergency services. That requires dedication, sharp skills, and staying up to speed on the latest techniques.

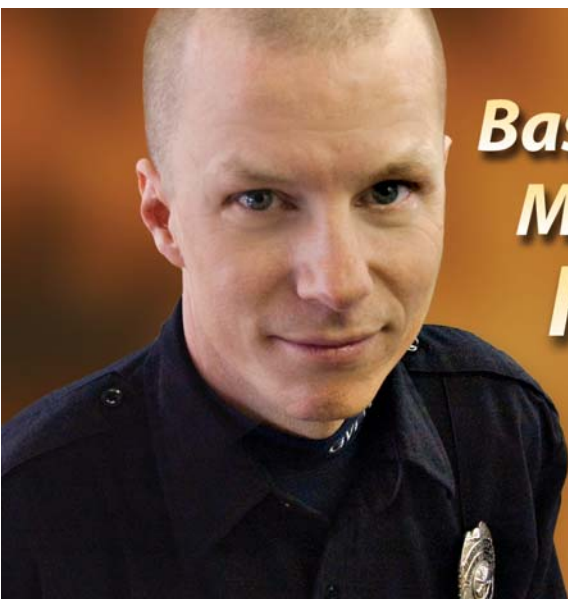
Golden Valley firefighters train three times a month, rain or shine, and cover a roster of different skills every season. Each year they focus on different aspects of training, and this year it has been automobile extrication and patient extrication, says Stephen Baker, fire education specialist. With the arrival of new extrication tools in January 2011, firefighters took advantage of the opportunity to update and expand their knowledge and skills in that area.

Auto extrications are particularly tricky these days because car technology and construction is constantly changing, says Baker. And because the city has three major freeways and a major highway, it remains a top priority for the GVFD.

The GVFD's 2011 training also focused on emergency vehicle driving, hazardous materials incidents, live fire training, and handling high-rise building fires. ~



(U.S. Air Force photo/Senior Airman Bryce Salina)



**Baseball Fan.
Minivan Dad.
Firefighter.**

Steve
New Recruit, 2002

goldenvalleyfire.com

BLACK BELT, SWAT TEAM MEDIC, former full-time paramedic, safety education specialist, and firefighter—with all this on his resume, Steve Baker still defines himself first and foremost as a father. "I don't have hobbies," says Baker. "My kids are my hobbies."

When he's not chasing down a fire, you may see him volunteering at local baseball events or driving his kids around in a minivan. He's successfully balanced his family life with a career in firefighting for nine years, first as an on-call firefighter, and later as a full-time education specialist.

"When you have the ability to give back, you should give back," says Baker. "I just see it that way."

CITY PREPS FOR 2012 BASSETT CREEK PROJECT

The City of Golden Valley works with the Bassett Creek Watershed Management Commission (BCWMC) to identify problem areas in Bassett Creek and plan and implement projects to stabilize stream banks and protect water quality (see article at right).

Projects are funded by the BCWMC as part of its Capital Improvement Program, and there are no assessments to adjacent property owners.

Bassett Creek restoration work proposed for 2011-2012 includes stabilizing the stream banks along 2,100 feet of the creek between Wisconsin Ave and 10th Ave and 4,200 feet of the creek between Duluth St to Golden Valley's north boundary. The project will:

- stabilize eroding stream banks
- protect and improve water quality
- preserve natural aesthetics and enhance habitat
- prevent future erosion

Using public input from an August 17 informational meeting with adjacent property owners, City staff is developing plans for a bid letting in late fall 2011. The City will hold an open house in the near future to present a recommended design to property owners. Invitations will be sent by mail.

For more information, contact Golden Valley Public Works at 763-593-8030.



Bassett Creek between Duluth St and Golden Valley's north boundary.



Bassett Creek between Wisconsin Ave and 10th Ave

Stream Bank Stabilization Improves Bassett Creek

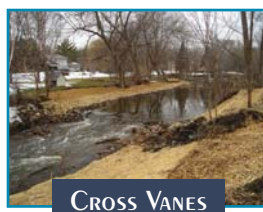
Like many urban streams, Bassett Creek has problems associated with erosion, sedimentation, and pollution caused by storm water runoff. Stream bank restoration projects help protect water quality within Bassett Creek and in downstream water bodies such as the Mississippi River and Lake Pepin. The City partners with other agencies (see sidebar) to stabilize the stream banks using a variety of methods.



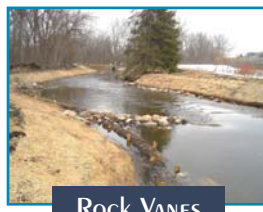
Fieldstone Riprap



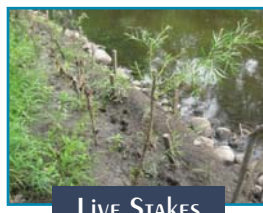
VEGETATED REINFORCED SLOPE STABILIZATION



CROSS VANES



Rock VANES



LIVE STAKES

Stream Bank Shaping (see before and after photos below) flattens stream banks to a 3:1 slope, which reduces the potential for erosion and provides a slope that can be vegetated.

Fieldstone Riprap and **Fieldstone Boulders** protect the toe of the stream bank by keying stones into the streambed and extending them to the top of the bank. They are used in conjunction with plantings on upper banks and are especially effective in heavily shaded areas. Riprap stones range in size from 12 to 18 inches, boulders from 30 to 42 inches.

Bio-Logs and 12-inch **Fieldstone Riprap** are placed together along the toe of the stream bank for stabilization. The natural fibers of the bio-log allow vegetation to grow within.

Vegetated Reinforced Slope Stabilization combines rock geosynthetics and plantings to stabilize steep and eroding slopes. The quick growing vegetation provides root structure to stabilize the bank.

Cross Vanes dissipate erosive velocities within the creek by directing the main flow to the center of the stream. They consist of boulders and fieldstone that extend across the creek and into each bank.

Rock Vanes direct flow away from stream banks and encourage sediment to deposit between the vane and the stream bank. They typically occupy one-third of the channel width, are oriented upstream, and consist of boulders and fieldstone embedded into the stream bank.

Live Stakes are installed during spring and fall. They are typically willow and dogwood, which grow quickly to establish woody vegetation.

Live Fascines are bundled mixes of branches from 8 to 10 feet long placed along the toe of the stream bank to establish woody vegetation along the bank. They are often used in conjunction with other stream bank stabilization methods.

STREAM BANK SHAPING: BEFORE & AFTER



New And Old Businesses Make Improvements

Two new businesses, Osaka and Walgreens, have redeveloped or remodeled existing space in Golden Valley this year, while long-time businesses (Golden Valley Shopping Center, Medicine Lake Road McDonald's, and Menards) are undergoing improvements.



OSAKA SUSHI AND HIBACHI

Osaka Sushi and Hibachi, Golden Valley's newest restaurant, is open for business at 6440 Wayzata Blvd. The building most recently housed the former Ciento's restaurant and has also been home to Billfish, Majors, and other eateries. Osaka, which features freshly prepared Japanese cuisine, has several restaurants entering the greater Minneapolis/St Paul market.



WALGREENS

Walgreens Pharmacy is in the final phase of constructing its second Golden Valley store on Winnetka Ave just south of Medicine Lake Rd. The site was formerly home to Precision Tune Auto Care, Glass Source, and Midas Brakes.



GOLDEN VALLEY SHOPPING CENTER

The Golden Valley Shopping Center, built in 1953 at the northwest corner of Hwy 55 and Golden Valley Rd, is undergoing an exterior renovation that includes new facade paneling and signage. There are also plans to install new landscaping throughout the property.



MEDICINE LAKE ROAD McDONALD'S

The McDonald's restaurant on Medicine Lake Road, constructed in 1997 to replace an older McDonald's on the same site, will undergo an extensive exterior and interior remodel this fall. The project will include parking area renovations and the addition of a second drive-thru lane. McDonald's plans to remain open for business during renovation.



MENARDS

The Menards store at 6800 Wayzata Blvd has been a fixture in Golden Valley since the 1980s. Originally home to a car dealership, the building was then shared by Menards, the Comb Company, and MGM Liquor Warehouse. Over time, Menards took control of the entire building.

This summer, Menards demolished the old building to construct a new, two-level store with improved landscaping and storm water runoff mechanisms. Expected to open as early as February 2012, the new store will feature an increased selection of large appliances as well as groceries and other household items. ~

GV Farmers' Market Nears Season End

There's still time to enjoy an abundance of locally grown veggies from this season's harvest at Golden Valley's farmers' market.

Market in the Valley is open Sundays through October 9, 9 am–1 pm, under the Golden Valley water tower.

In addition to freshly harvested Minnesota-grown produce and pumpkins, Market in the Valley offers locally made food, craft, and art items. Shoppers can have brunch and enjoy live music by area musicians as they browse.

"Market in the Valley has fast become the 'place to be' on Sunday mornings in Golden Valley," says Kristine Frey, Market in the Valley founder and Golden Valley resident. "It thrills me to see the community enjoying the market every Sunday. That's what it's all about!"

Frey has been amazed by the success of the market and is already planning how to make next year's market bigger and better.

"It has surpassed all of my expectations," she adds.

If you're interested in vendor space for the remainder of this season or for the summer 2012 season, visit www.marketinthevalley.org or call 763-233-9536 for more information. ~



Watch For Walkers/Bikers

Traffic accidents are the leading cause of death and injury among school-aged children, and pedestrian injuries are the second leading cause of unintentional death in children ages five to 14.

Children age 10 and under cannot judge the speed or distance of moving vehicles, and their peripheral vision is one-third less than that of an adult. That means it's up to drivers to take responsibility for safety in areas where children are present. The following tips will help.

- Slow down. Drive 20 miles per hour in urban school areas, whether children are present or not, and never pass another vehicle in a school zone.
- Look for safety patrols, school buses, and other signs that children are in the area.
- Scan between parked cars and other objects for children who might dart out. For children nine and under, about 50 to 70 percent of injuries result from darting into the street.
- When backing out of a driveway or leaving a garage, watch out for children walking to the bus stop or walking or biking to school.
- Watch for children walking in the street, especially where there are no sidewalks, and for children playing and gathering near bus stops.
- Be alert and ready to stop. Children arriving late for the bus may dart into the street without looking for traffic.
- Avoid distractions such as cell phones and other devices. 🐾

School Crossing Locations

- Jersey Ave S & Western Ave
- Glenwood Ave & Xenia Ave
- Medicine Lake Rd & Florida Ave N
- Medicine Lake Rd & Boone Ave N
- Noble Ave N & Hampton Rd
- Natchez Ave & Glenwood Ave
- Medicine Lake Rd & Idaho Ave N
- Douglas Dr & Sandburg Rd

School Zone Safety Is Everyone's Responsibility

School is back in session, and drivers everywhere need to be alert for school buses, walking or biking students who may not be focused on traffic (see sidebar), and other drivers who may not be focused on anything but their route and their schedule. Help make this school year a safe one for the entire community by observing the safety precautions on this page.

STOP FOR SCHOOL BUSES

In every state, it is illegal to pass a school bus that has stopped to load or unload students. School bus drivers activate **yellow flashing lights** at least 100 feet before stopping to indicate the bus is preparing to stop. Motorists should slow down and prepare to stop their vehicles. **Red flashing lights and an extended stop arm** indicate the bus has stopped and children are getting on or off. Motorists must stop their cars and wait until the red flashing lights are turned off, the stop arm is withdrawn, and the bus begins moving before they start driving again.

Every year, dozens of school bus stop-arm violations are reported:

- Misdemeanor stop-arm violation—Passing a bus when the red lights are flashing, the stop-arm is extended, but no children are present can result in up to a \$1,000 fine and/or 90 days in jail.
- Gross-misdemeanor stop-arm violation—Passing the bus when the red lights are flashing, the stop-arm is extended, and children are present, or passing the bus on the right side, can result in up to a \$3,000 fine and/or one year in jail.
- Misdemeanor—Neglecting to stop for a crosswalk patrol that is extending the stop flag can result in up to a \$1,000 fine and/or 90 days in jail.

As the new school year gets under way, the Golden Valley Police Department (GVPD) will have an additional presence around school zones. For more information, contact the GVPD at 763-593-8079. 🐾

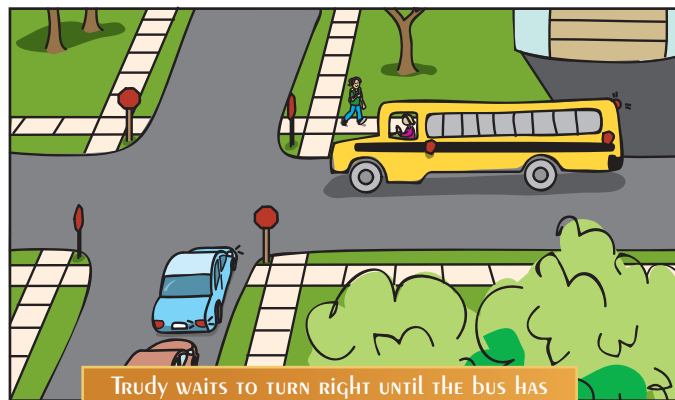
How Traffic Trudy Follows The Rules Of School Bus Safety



Trudy waits more than 20 feet behind the stopped bus.



Trudy waits more than 20 feet in front of the stopped bus.



Trudy waits to turn right until the bus has collapsed its stop arms.

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Vote!

On Nov 8

Polls in Golden Valley are open 7 am–8 pm Tuesday, Nov 8 for the City election. You may only vote in person at your assigned polling place but may vote absentee ahead of time if conditions warrant. Polling places are listed on page 16.

VOTER REGISTRATION

You will need to register if you have never registered to vote, if you have changed your name or address since you last voted (including moving to another apartment in the same building), or if you have not voted in four years.

You may register to vote at any time except for the 20 days preceding an election (this year the cut-off is 5 pm Oct 18). Registering by Oct 18 ensures your name will be on the election day roster at your polling place.

To register, all voters must:

- be at least 18 years old on election day
- be a citizen of the United States
- have resided in Minnesota for 20 days immediately preceding election day
- maintain residence at the address given on the registration form
- not be under a court-ordered guardianship in which the court order revokes the right to vote
- have not been found by a court to be legally incompetent to vote
- have not been convicted of a felony without having civil rights restored

You may register by mail or in person by completing a Minnesota Voter Registration Application. Applications are available online (www.goldenvalleymn.gov/elections) and at most government offices and public libraries.

Golden Valley locations include:

City of Golden Valley
7800 Golden Valley Rd
Golden Valley, MN 55427

You may also register directly with the county at:

Hennepin County Government Center
300 South 6th Street - Public Service Level
Minneapolis, MN 55487

Minnesota allows voters to register to vote at the polls on election day (see sidebar for required identification).

If you have questions about elections or voting in Golden Valley, contact City Clerk Sue Virnig at 763-593-8010. ~

Are you already registered? Check it out at <http://mnvotes.sos.state.mn.us/VoterStatus.aspx>.

REGISTER on ELECTION DAY

Golden Valley residents who register to vote at their polling places (see sidebar on page 16) on election day will need to verify residence with one of the following:

- valid Minnesota driver's license, learner's permit, Minnesota ID card, or receipt for any of these
- valid student ID card including your photo, if your college has provided a student housing list to election officials
- valid Minnesota Tribal ID card that contains your photo and signature
- "Notice of Late Registration" letter
- US passport with utility bill*
- US military photo ID card with utility bill*
- prior registration listed on roster at former address in precinct
- oath of a registered voter in precinct ("vouching")
- recent utility bill* with your current address (if your Minnesota license, Tribal ID, or MN State ID has a former address)

* Note: The utility bill must have your name, current address, and be due within 30 days of the election. Utility bills may be for electric, gas, water, solid waste, sewer, telephone, or cable TV. ~

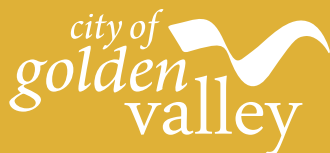
BUSINESS INITIATIVE In The Works

Golden Valley could have a community group for local businesses if plans work out to get the initiative under way as a Bridge Builder activity.

Early last year, the City Council met with some local business owners who were interested in forming a group that would meet and discuss how to grow business in the city. The Council developed a strategy, began contacting businesses in the Valley Square (downtown Golden Valley) area to gauge interest, and met with the New Hope/Crystal Business Council to gather ideas. Recently one local business stepped up to move things forward. Watch future issues of *CityNews* for further developments. ~



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Voting LOCATIONS

For the Nov 8 election, you must vote in your own precinct between 7 am and 8 pm. To find your voting location, go to <http://pollfinder.sos.state.mn.us/>.


-  **Precinct 1**
NE Fire Station
3700 Golden Valley Rd
-  **Precinct 2**
Valley Presbyterian Church
3100 North Lilac Dr
-  **Precinct 3**
Meadowbrook School
5430 Glenwood Ave
-  **Precinct 4**
LOGIS
5750 Duluth St
-  **Precinct 5**
SE Fire Station
400 Turners Crossroad S
-  **Precinct 6**
Golden Valley City Hall
7800 Golden Valley Rd
-  **Precinct 7** **NEW LOCATION!**
Sandburg School
2400 Sandburg Lane
-  **Precinct 8**
Brookview Community Center
200 Brookview Pkwy



Seven On Ballot For Nov 8 Election

Seven Golden Valley residents will be on the ballot Nov 8 for three Golden Valley City Council seats. The four-year term of Mayor Linda Loomis is up Dec 31, 2011, as are the four-year terms of Council members Mike Freiberg and Bob Shaffer. Shaffer is not running for re-election.

Jeffrey Beck, Shep Harris, and incumbent Loomis are candidates for mayor. Joanie Clausen, Greg Keivit, Blair Tremere, and incumbent Freiberg are candidates for the two Council member seats.

For more information about the election, see the article on page 15 or click to www.goldenvalleymn.gov/elections. Official election results will be posted on the City website as soon as they become available. 

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Shep Harris
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Linda R. Loomis
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763-545-4659

City Council

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763-350-2314

Mike Freiberg
6601 Olympia St
763-544-6406

Greg Keivit
7320 Half Moon Dr
612-382-9002

Blair Tremere
2305 Lee Ave N
763-521-7700

If you want campaign information, contact candidates directly or go to the Minnesota Secretary of State website at <http://candidates.sos.state.mn.us>.



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